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In re

Patent Application of

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"METHOD OF ENHANCING CELLULOSE AND  
MODIFYING LIGNIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN  
PLANTS"

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2003, Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group IV. Applicants submit that claims 68-86, 135-142 and 149-166 fall within this group. This response is timely as a Request for a One Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are filed herewith. As August 17, 2003 fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed on August 18, 2003.

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